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REMARKS

Claims 4-28 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 4, 6 and 8 have been amended herein. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 7 and 9-28 remain in the application unchanged by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 4 and 6-28 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

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I. Rejection of Claim 4 Over Knowles et al.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Knowles et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0017320 A1).

On page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner objects to claims 5-11 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 5. Accordingly, the rejection over Knowles et al. is overcome and claim 4 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 4 rather than from canceled claim 5.

II. Rejection of Claim 4 Over Aragon

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Aragon (U.S. Patent No. 5,477,044).

On page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner objects to claims 5-11 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 5. Accordingly, the rejection over Aragon is overcome and claim 4 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

As noted previously, claim 5 has been canceled and claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 4 rather than from canceled claim 5.

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In view of the above, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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